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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG

SUBJECT: DEMARCHE OPPOSING HIGH OIL PRICES

REF: STATE 145991

1. I CALLED TODAY ON VENEZUELAN FONMIN AND LEFT HIM AN AIDE MEMOIRE COVERING THE "TALKING POINTS" OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH THREE REFTEL. ALTHOUGH THE LANGUAGE WAS SOMEWHAT STARK, I WANTED TO BE SURE THAT THE VENEZUELAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN WASHINGTON HAD MADE AN ACCURATE REPORT OF DEPARTMENT'S DEMARCHE. I TOLD SCHACHT THAT, LIKE VENEZUELA, WE WERE A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY AND OUR PUBLIC WAS REACTING INCREASINGLY AGAINST INCREASED PRICES FOR THE GASOLINE, HEAT AND LIGHT BILLS THEY HAD TO PAY. OF EVEN GREATHER IMPORT FROM A WORLDWIDE POINT OF VIEW WAS THE THREAT OF A UNIVERSAL DEPRESSION WHOSE DESCENDING SPIRAL COULD COMMENCE WITH THE EXCESSIVELY HIGH PRICES OF PETROLEUM. IN SUCH A UNIVERSAL DEPRESSION CERTAINLY NEITHER THE UNITED STATES NOR VENEZUELA COULD BE BENEFICIARIES.

2. THE MINISTER READ THROUGH OUR POINTS WITH GREAT CARE AND SAID HE UNDERSTOOD OUR CONCERN. HE AGREED WITH MY REITERATION  
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THAT SINCE THE U.S. AND VENEZUELA HAD HISTORICALLY ALWAYS BEEN ON

FRIENDLY TERMS, IT WAS RIGHT THAT WE SHOULD SPEAK OUR MINDS CLEARLY.  
HE SAID HE WOULD TAKE THIS MATTER UP WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ  
TOMORROW: AND -- BECAUSE DURING OUR INTERVIEW HE TELEPHONED TO  
MIRAFLORES PALACE TO REITERATE MY DESIRE TO SEE THE PRESIDENT  
PROMPTLY -- I IMAGINE THAT THIS WILL BE ON THE AGENDA FOR OUR  
CONVERSATION WHEN THE PRESIDENT RECEIVES ME.  
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